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11. (SBU) Government of Lesotho Minister of Foreign Affairs Moleleki assured Ambassador during July 11 meeting that his government concurred with the U.S. on the G-4 Framework Resolution. He was open to the idea of deferring UN discussion of this resolution until a later date. The Minister of Foreign Affairs stated that it was unclear to the GOL why there was a 2005 time frame for UN Reforms. We responded that we considered the UN Reforms essential and that they needed to be dealt with as soon as possible. We did not want discussion of a Security Council framework resolution to postpone discussion of the reforms. Moleleki responded that the GOL does support the reform agenda and added that during the African Union Summit, the timeframe for reforms had been raised. According to his account, South African Foreign Minister Zuma said that since Secretary General Annan "would be leaving in 2005," it was

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necessary to pursue the reforms rapidly.

12. (SBU) Comment: While the GOL does support eventual council enlargement and also supports the U.S. position on the G-4, the Foreign Minister did signal his government's concern about the veto power of the Perm-5 and suggested that the Security Council adopt a more consensus approach to matters. We spent some time discussing the historic development of the Perm-5 and also referenced the difficulty of achieving full consensus at all times. In the end, the Minister reiterated the GOL's concurrence with the U.S. position on the G-4 Framework Resolution. End Comment.

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